Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is engaging the serious attention of the Government. The services of an expert have been obtained and he is working.

The motion was ,by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 3.

To provide proper drains in the Trippunittura Town.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,203 for State General Sanitation Works by Re. 1 (to discuss the necessity for providing proper drains and improving the existing ones in the Trippunittura Town).* As it is, the facilities for drainage in the Trippunittura Town are not very many. Of course, there are certain drains within the Fort, but outside the Fort and within the Town there are very few drains, and the few natural canals that serve the purpose of drains are not cleaned and properly kept. My purpose in bringing this motion is to impress upon the Government the urgent necessity of providing some more drains outside the Fort and within the Town of Trippunittura and also for cleaning and keeping in proper condition the natural drains that exist there. I may point out one or two instances. There is a canal flowing from North to South along the North Fort road that proceeds to the Ernakulam Hill Palace Road. This canal runs along the western side of the road. That is a very deep canal and will serve the purpose of a drain. This canal runs in front of several houses, and for a long time past it remains bunded up at several places in order to facilitate the people coming over to their houses. If, however, these bunds are removed the water that will be collected on that road during the monsoon will find a very easy outlet. There are a few other similar canals also, but not many. I would request the Government to see that at least in the most important roads in the town outside the Fort drains are provided, so that during the monsoon water may not be collected in these roads causing inconvenience to the public, especially school children. In the Budget estimates for next year a sum of Rs. 500 is seen to have been allotted for drainage within the Fort and Rs. 100 for drainage outside. This very fact shows that the drainage facilities outside the Fort are very meagre. The area outside the Fort is, I think, more than the area within the Fort. Even though the area within the Fort is very important, I have to impress upon the Government that the town extends far beyond the Fort. Therefore, early steps may be taken in order to improve the existing drains and to provide some more drains at an early date.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, within the limitation of the funds at our disposal we are doing the very best we can. Year after year a sum of Rs. 500 has been devoted

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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for the improvement of the drains. In the last year it was not made. But in all previous years you will find that about Rs. 500 ear-marked for this improvement.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* I think for the last 5 or 6 years no new drains have been put up anywhere outside the Fort.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This amount is for repairing the old drains. If you want to do a comprehensive work it would require an enormous sum. With the allotment at our disposal it will not be possible to do more than what we are doing.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* May I know whether the Public Health Department can spend any money within the Fort area? Should it not be left to the Devaswam Department? Because all people are not admitted into the Fort area, you have no business to spend a single pie there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is a wider question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It is not a wider question. It is the accepted policy of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Now I am dealing with the drains. I am dealing with Trippunittura as I understood it. At Trippunittura we are devoting Rs. 600 this year for this.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* May I know whether the Government will spend any amount within the Fort area out of this sum? Have they already spent any amount there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Out of this allotment the best we could do, we will do. We will also see, it by any chance we could make any saving, that additional amount is also devoted to this work. Beyond that I cannot say anything.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഫോർട്ടിന്റെ ഉള്ളിൽ എല്ലായ്പോഴും പ്രവേശനം വേണമെന്ന വാദം വന്നപ്പോൾ അവിടെ പബ്ലിക്ക് ഫണ്ടിൽനിന്ന് പണം ചിലവാക്കുകയില്ലെന്ന പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ പബ്ലിക്ക് റോഡുകളൊക്കെ ഉണ്ടാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതു് പൊതുഫണ്ടിൽനിന്നുതന്നെയായിരുന്നു. എങ്കിലും മേലാൽ അവിടെ ഒന്നും ചിലവാക്കുകയില്ലെന്ന നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അവിടെ പണം ചിലവാക്കണമെങ്കിൽ അതിന് ദേവസ്വം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിൽ പണമുണ്ട്. അതിൽനിന്നു ചിലവാക്കണം. അല്ലാതെ പബ്ലിക്ക് ഹെൽത്തു വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നു ചിലവാക്കാൻ പാടില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെ പറയുന്നതു് വേറെ ഉദ്ദേശമൊന്നും വെച്ചുകൊണ്ടല്ല.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is an obligation on the part of this department to protect the life of people and if we find that it is essential to keep these drains in proper condition in order to protect life, it is our bounden duty to do so. People do not walk through the drains, and whether princes or peasants live there, the result is the same. I am under an obligation to see that those people are protected from infectious diseases like cholera and for that it is essential to keep these drains in proper condition.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Issue notice to the proper authorities. Let them do it—or make them do it.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Development):* It so happens that the people living there are contributing to the general revenue. That is my first consideration. I have nothing to do with any communal question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It is not a communal question.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. It is a communal question. The point is, since all classes of people are not allowed to go into the Fort, no money from the public fund should be spent on it. It is a communal question. My business is only to carry out this work so as to protect the general public from any such serious consequences that will follow. This has been the custom. Trippunittura is treated as one unit and money is allotted. You can raise the question whether any other authority should do the work. That will receive the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* My question has not been answered.

Mr. President : The Minister made his position clear. As the Minister is in charge of the public health of this State, it is his duty to see that in all places where people live he does whatever lies in his power to maintain public health.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* He can ask contribution from the Devaswam Department.

Mr. President : That is a different matter.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* As the Hon'ble Minister has given an assurance, I beg to withdraw my motion. But before doing so I would request the Government at least to see that the existing canals are properly maintained. For that no great additional amount is necessary. I request that in future more amounts for this purpose may be allotted.

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Mr. President : Whenever questions like this are raised in the Council and a sort of assurance is given, it is the duty either of the Minister or the Departmental Heads or the official staff who are attending here to note all these points and start a file.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 4.

For a road in Kunnamkulam Town.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,50,400 for public Health by Re. 1. (To bring to the notice of the Government the slackness of fulfilling the substance of the order of the Government L. Dis. 11986/11 dated 14th April 1936 till now.* സർ, ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഒരു ചെറിയ റോഡ് ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ട കാര്യത്തിനു മാത്രമുള്ളതാണ്. ഇതിനു ഞാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞ ലജിസ്ലേറ്റീവ് സെഷനിൽ കെണ്ടു സിലിലേക്കു ഒരു ചോദ്യം അയച്ചപ്പോൾ കുന്ദംകുളത്തു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ഉൽഘാടനം ചെയ്തതിനു ശേഷം ഉണ്ടാക്കാമെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അവർകൾ പറഞ്ഞതായിട്ടാണു ഞാൻ ഓർക്കുന്നതു്. അതായതു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി വന്നതിനു ശേഷം ചെയ്യാം എന്നുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: റോഡ് പബ്ലിക്ക് വർക്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ പെട്ടതല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: കുന്ദംകുളത്തുള്ള റോഡുകളിൽ ചിലതെല്ലാം പബ്ലിക്ക്വർക്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നാണു് മെൻറയിൻ ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. പുതുതായി ഒരു റോഡുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ പോകുന്നുവെന്നു കേട്ട പരമ്പടമസ്ഥന്മാർ ആ സ്ഥലത്തു വീടുകൾ വെക്കുക, തെങ്ങുകൾ വെക്കുക മുതലായതു ചെയ്യുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇപ്പോൾ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലം അടുത്തുതന്നെ അക്വയർ ചെയ്തെടുത്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ, കുറച്ചുകൂടികഴിഞ്ഞാൽ അതിനു വളരെ വിലകൊടുത്തു എടുക്കേണ്ടതായിവരും. റോഡിനു വേണ്ടതായ സ്ഥലമെങ്കിലും ഇപ്പോൾ അക്വയർചെയ്യിടുക. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി വന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നെ അതു് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി നോക്കിക്കൊള്ളും. ഇതു മെമ്പർമാരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരാൻമാത്രമേ എനിക്കു ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടുദ്ദേശമുള്ളു. ഇത്രയും പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, The amount necessary for this small road is Rs. 1;400 according to the estimates.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* For land acquisition also?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Including that. The cost of construction will not be much. Land acquisition will be the main cost. This is a small deviation in the existing road and I do not deny that it will add great convenience to the town. As I observed, unfortunately owing to the paucity of funds we are not in a position to take up this work. If an assurance is forthcoming that the money will be returned after the Municipality is constituted, with proper surety.....

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